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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly unsettled in the East, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mostly sluggish to fair with ads and features doing little to increase interest. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light and selective. Tenders were sufficient and moving best. All other items were at least adequate to ample, and although discounted, was still difficult to move. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 68.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.00 cents last year on March 16, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	140.50
BREASTS - B/S	112.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.50
LEG QUARTERS	18.50
WINGS	97.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Demand remained light and unaggressive with trading limited and usually restricted to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was no better than fair with all items adequate to ample and attractively priced to help clear additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective during midweek trading as dealers' limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of 3 pound and smaller sizes were more than sufficient; heavier sizes were readily available and slow to clear. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone remained unsettled. In the parts complex, breast items, leg cuts, wings and boneless skinless thigh meat were at least adequate to readily available. Tenders were in good balance.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings were adequate to ample on very light call. Retail and food service demand remained sluggish for the most part with instances of fairly good demand into fast food noted in the Chicago area. Floor stocks were in close balanced to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Receivers in the St. Louis market were seeing secondary customer cancellations due to storm interruptions and power outage and damaged buildings. Parts supplies were fully available and aggressively priced on a quiet trading pattern. The market tone was steady on tenders and about steady to weak on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments, although mixed, were mainly weak. Offerings building as interest in surplus product slow to develop. Buyers' needs were fair at best. Sharp discounts did little to stimulate interest in additional product for immediate needs. Retail demand was moderate overall, with best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks were fully adequate overall.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 11, 2006. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 11, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 11, 2006 were 1.74 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 03/11/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	216,624	213,629	+01
CHICKS PLACED	175,363	176,772	-01

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Apr-06 is estimated at 160.7 million head. This compares to 159.6 million head the previous week and to 166.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.77 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MARCH 15, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	630	80.00-145.00	-	92.26
TENDERLOINS	218	85.00-142.00	90-98	93.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	126	18.00-42.00	19-20	20.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	582	11.00-26.00	13-14	13.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	13.00-25.00	16-17	16.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	75.00-99.00	80-85	83.95
WINGS (CUT)	255	95.00-103.00	96-99	98.49
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 MARCH 14, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE
 34.50-44.00 36.95

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	625	80.00-145.00	-	94.08
TENDERLOINS	178	92.00-147.00	95-99	97.42
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	140	18.00-42.00	19-20	19.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	11.00-22.00	12-13	13.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	970	13.00-25.00	15-17	16.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	75.00-99.00	78-81	82.93
WINGS (CUT)	250	95.00-105.00	97-100	99.34
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 MARCH 15, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE
 34.50-43.00 36.67 36.94

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and selective during midweek trading as dealers remained cautious and saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond immediate needs. Offerings of breast items, leg cuts, wings and boneless skinless thigh meat were at least adequate to readily available. Tenders were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady for tenderloins. Other items were about steady to weak.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MARCH 14, 2006

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	99.99	604,920
TENDERLOINS	95-100	98.97	254,812
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	62.00	113,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	57.91	99,000
LEGS	31-32	27.92	245,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.47	328,200
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	24.56	152,820
THIGHS	24-25	30.73	64,950
B/S THIGHS	71-72	64.52	90,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	79-80	81.14	202,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.39	22,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.87	26,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.04	22,400

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

MARCH 15, 2006

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105	98.49	634,240
TENDERLOINS	95-100	101.77	239,412
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.85	120,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	57.60	90,000
LEGS	30-31	26.94	228,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	17.42	345,600
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	25.65	143,080
THIGHS	24-25	31.30	70,750
B/S THIGHS	70-71	66.20	173,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	82.51	238,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.39	22,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.88	26,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.04	21,520

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
	03/15	03/14	03/13	03/10	03/13	03/10	03/08	03/06
Alabama	3,928	4,074	3,915	4,211	5.40	5.24	3,361	5.45
Arkansas	5,343	5,428	4,965	5,288	5.08	5.03	5,144	5.23
Delmarva	2,209	2,251	1,989	2,559	5.87	5.45	2,209	5.65
KY-LA-TN	2,303	2,279	2,265	2,180	5.07	4.84	2,238	5.04
Mississippi	2,950	2,863	2,921	3,235	5.81	5.53	2,698	5.74
North Car	2,593	2,587	2,353	2,620	6.79	6.60	2,557	6.85
Texas	2,490	2,478	2,371	2,388	5.41	5.13	2,483	5.36
Total	21,816	21,960	20,779	22,136	5.55	5.36	20,690	5.57
Mon-Wed	65,213(A)						63,151(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Mar-06 is estimated to be 32,639,000 head up 5.13 percent from a week ago and up 6.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,047,000, last year 30,751,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Mar-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/18/06 (1)	03/11/06
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	163,678 (2)	164,578
Light hens	1,005	1,000
Heavy hens	1,361	1,493
Total	166,044	167,071

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Mar-06 is 164.3 million head compared to 159.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.0 million head or 0.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 25-Mar-06 the estimated available is 164.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 03/13/06	74,718	66,539
AM 03/01/06	69,688	69,000
CHG	5,030	-2,461
PCT CHG	7	-4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/13/06	03/06/06	03/14/05	03/13/06	03/06/06	03/14/05
PACIFIC COAST	1,568	2,032	3,124	7,141	6,840	6,501
LOS ANGELES	34	42	48	3,427	3,547	3,674

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2006

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-78
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	77-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 3/14/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.70	.58	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.20	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.20	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	.50	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.65	2.17	RABBITS ea.	3.00	5.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	6.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	40						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 10, 2006

	Whole <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	Legs <u>W/ Thighs</u>	Necks, Backs <u>& Wings</u>	Livers/ <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	70.88	148.56	76.40	12.73	4.24	76.40
High	77.25	152.80	84.89	16.98	8.49	76.40
Mostly	70.88	148.56	80.65	12.73	8.49	76.40

SAN JUAN

Low	68.76	144.32	76.40	12.73	4.24	76.40
High	77.68	152.80	84.89	16.98	8.49	76.40
Mostly	73.86	148.56	80.65	14.86	8.49	76.40

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	68.76	140.07	76.40	12.73	4.24	73.01
High	77.25	144.32	80.65	16.98	8.49	73.01
Mostly	70.88	144.32	80.65	12.73	4.24	73.01

BECERRA

Low	70.88	152.80	84.89	16.98	4.24	74.28
High	79.37	157.05	84.89	21.22	8.49	74.28
Mostly	70.88	152.80	84.89	21.22	8.49	74.28

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sluggish. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were generally slow to clear on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances and moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at **54 to 69 ** cents. Trade sentiment continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, offerings were at least adequate, readily available in many instances and often difficult to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	42-70
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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